

Richard E. Knoll 6-5-97

Richard E. (Dick) Knoll, 72, Groton, died Saturday, May 31, 1997 at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center, Aberdeen.

The funeral was at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. The Rev. Craig Grams officiated. Burial was in the Groton Union Cemetery. Graveside military rites were conducted by the Groton American Legion Post #39.

There was a prayer service at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Richard Eugene Knoll was born June 4, 1924 at Groton to Christian F. and Lillian (Kishner) Knoll. He grew up in Groton and graduated from Groton High School in 1942. After graduation he went to Tacoma, Wash., and worked in the ship yards as part of the World War II war effort. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy on September 23, 1943. He served in the Pacific Theater as a deep sea diver. He was honorably discharged on December 25, 1945 and returned to Groton. He married Lucille Sandvee at Mitchell on February 10, 1950. They made their home in Groton. He did electrical contracting work and was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local #426. He worked on many large electrical contracts in South Dakota including the Oahe Dam. His wife died in 1979. He moved to Kennewick, Wash., where he worked for a nuclear power plant. He married Beverly Lou Rheinsburg October 11, 1980 at Yakima, Wash. He retired in 1983, they made their home in Yakima until 1991 when they returned to Groton.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Groton. He was a 50 year member of the American Legion and served as past commander of the Yakima Post #36. He was a member of the 40 Et 8 and served as Chef de Gare of Voiture #88 of Yakima Valley. He was a life member of the VFW in Aberdeen and a life member of the Disabled American Veterans.

He is survived by his wife of Groton; one son, John Knoll, Aberdeen; one daughter, Susan (Tom) Hein, West Richland, Wash.; five step sons, Jim Ditton, Washington, Dan (Dona) Ditton, Oregon, Vernon Berger, California, Bill Berger, Groton, and Larry (Arleta) Berger, Aberdeen; one step daughter, Deborah Ditton, Colorado; two brothers, Chris Knoll, North Hollywood, Calif. and



Robert Knoll, Sylmar, Calif.; five grandchildren, Cindy Ward, Kennewick, Wash., Angela Hein, Cheney, Wash., Brian Hein, West Richland, Wash., Aaron Knoll and Chris Knoll, Minneapolis; thirteen step grandchildren, two great granddaughters and five step great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, his parents and one sister.

The casketbearers were Jack Fries, Douglas Holland, Leslie Holland, Jr., Ricky Holland, Ronnie Holland, and Rod Larson.

Honorary casketbearers were members of the Groton High School Class of 1942.

Alvera Neuman was the organist and Gary and Patty Baule sang.